GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VEHICLE THEFTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of vehicle thefts are on the rise in the country including Delhi;

(b) if so,the total number of vehicles reported stolen during each of the last three years and the current year,vehicle-wise,State-wise;

(c) the total number of stolen vehicles recovered and criminals apprehended during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether the conviction rate in cases of vehicle thefts is very low;

(e) whether the Government has received complaints from individuals or organisations on the difficulty faced in trying the cases relating to vehicle thefts and against the Police for not registering FIRs in matters of vehicle thefts;

(f) if so,the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government is considering to strengthen the substantive and procedural law to check the rise in vehicle thefts including fixing responsibility on the officials on duty;and

(h) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (f): National Crime Records Bureau,under MHA compiles data in respect of Crime in the Country. The information regarding the incidents of Vehicle Thefts,total number of vehicles reported stolen and the total number of stolen vehicles recovered during each of the last three years state-wise i.e. for the period 2005 to 2007 is enclosed (Annexure-I).The information regarding persons arrested and convicted during the period from 2005 to 2007 is at Annexure−II.The conviction rate during the period 2005 to 2007 has been 41.6%, 42.3% and 43.3% respectively.

However,`Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore,the State Governments/UT Administrations are primarily responsible for prevention,detection,registration and investigation of crime and for prosecuting the criminals through the machinery of their law enforcement agencies.The Union Government, however,attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and therefore,impresses upon the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time, to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for prevention and control of crime.

(g) & (h): There is no such proposal at present.